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PATENT
2185-0424P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Norihisa OOE et al. Conf.: 8838
Appl. No.: 09/550,173 Group: 1636
Filed: April 14, 2000 Examiner: D. LAMBERTSON
For: CELL FOR MEASURING THE ABILITY TO
CONTROL THE ACTIVITY OF A LIGAND-
RESPONSIVE TRANSCRIPTION CONTROL FACTOR

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 9, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated June 10, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-9 and 11-17.

This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$950.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

An extension of _____ () month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on _____. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an

additional _____ month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

- Large entity - \$330.00
 Small Entity - \$165.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$1,280.00.

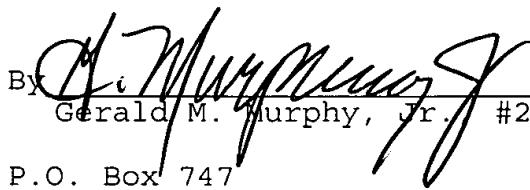
Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

- Check(s) in the amount of \$1,280.00 is/are enclosed.
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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